

QUARTER SESSIONS MINUTES

Introduction

I

1711-1798

Sessions

Until 1798, with the advent of the Pearse family, Quarter Sessions minutes are unevenly kept. Some volumes are rough books or drafts.

In the first surviving minute-book, 1711-17, the average attendance of justices at any one sessions is barely 4; the numbers range from 2 to 7. The hard core who are most regular are William Hillersdon and John Cater; John Harvey also occurs frequently, but it is not often specified whether he is of Ickwell or Thurleigh. The names of 26 justices appear; of these, 5 attend only once.

In the minute-book for 1792-6, the pattern has hardened along these lines. The average attendance at a session is just over 5; and the hard core comprises 6 justices (Sir Philip Monoux, who seems to be chairman, and 5 others, mainly clergy, Hawkins, Hooper, Miller, Tanqueray and Webster). The names of 16 justices appear; only 2 of these attend only once. Thus a smaller number are participating, but they are doing so more thoroughly.

Samuel Whitbread first attends in Midsummer 1795, but has not yet begun to come regularly with the Duke of Bedford.

Sessions House

From vol. 12 onward there are entries relating to this - hallkeeper, repairs, alterations; not to be used by stage-players or as guardroom. (See also Q.S.R.).

Finance

In the period the county rate goes up from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 2d. Early entries (e.g., vol. 7, pp. 46-51) set out the amount due from each parish; but later entries are, e.g. "Ordered 1d. rate."

Administrative Machinery

High Constables: The appointments of these for each Hundred is given. Some of their duties are mentioned, such as passing vagrants, issuing warrants to petty constables to prepare lists of freeholders; they are responsible for bringing in the proceeds of county rates, and are sometimes in arrears (vol. 16, p.84); they attend whippings (vol. 18, p.89). One was discharged for misbehaviour (vol.16,p.148).

Petty Constables: Until vol. 15 the appointments of these in the parishes are noted also. They act under the High Constable of their Hundred; and are often assaulted by those whom they try to arrest.

Other officers: Bailiffs of Hundreds are occasionally mentioned; keywards are sometimes appointed; and there are inspectors of corn and of worsted yarn and also (for a time) of cattle (see below); also vagrancy contractors

Poor Law

Occasionally there are disputes about assessments for poor rates.

The main items however concern bastardy and removal. Bastardy occupies even more entries than the number of cases would appear to warrant, since each is normally reported at each sessions during pregnancy. The removal of a pregnant woman unfit to travel occurs (vol.7,p.97,101,103). Disputed removal orders are also frequent in every volume. Other cases concern disputes about accounts (e.g., vol. 2, p.125); cases about maintenance and burial; and latterly (from vol.18) workhouses.

Cattle disease

Vols. 9-13 are full of references to cattle disease, when inspectors were appointed and fairs had to be suspended.

Fairs and markets (see also above)

The return of corn prices from markets begins with vol.15. There is an enquiry into weights and measures (vol.20, p.153).

Licensing and listing

A few briefs are entered for delivery to the Lord Chancellor (vols. 2-8).

Licences are entered, though rarely and sporadically, for badgers, drovers, higglers and poulterers.

Gamekeepers are reported till vol. 14 (after which separate registers are kept).

Fires are noted when they affect excise (malt etc.).

The deposit of Friendly Society's rules begins with vol. 20.

Highways and Bridges

Highways entries include diversions (including footpaths); sanction for parochial rates; and indictments of parishes for neglect of repair. These last sometimes go on for many sessions (e.g., Eaton Socon, vol. 19) before the repair is carried out. There are a few references to turnpikes. After enclosure in any parish, the enclosure surveyor certifies that the new roads are in order. The bridges most frequently needing repair are Gt. Barford, Bromham, Harrold, Stafford, St. Neots.

Military and Naval

These entries include "King's carriages" (payments for troop movements); arrangements for militia men's families (e.g., vols. 13-14,17); and occasionally an offender is handed over to the Navy (vol.17, pp. 14,34).

Crime

Crime is best studied in Q.S.R., where the depositions give more information and are more exact about the parish in which the offence took place.

Much the most frequent cases are assault (once with a dung-fork and once with a dagger), and theft; a long way after these come other forms of violence (breaking windows) and fraud; breach of licensing laws (e.g. for higgler); pound-breach; a few cases of non-payment of wages; a few poaching offences; one case of cruelty to a mastiff. The term "riotous" is sometimes used, but seldom or never means a real riot. A windmill at Ravensden was built too near the road and had to be taken down.

Sentences frequently include whipping. At first this is always in public; in Bedford it is done from the gaol (Silver Street) to the bridge and back; or at the market cross on market-day; it is also carried out at Ampthill, Biggleswade, Dunstable and Luton; in one case the offender's back is to be bloody (vol.9,p.2). Latterly it is increasingly done privately in the House of Correction or Gaol. Transportation also occurs (for contract, 1730, for transportation to America, see Q.S.R.; also for transportation to Africa in 1783 and 1785); Botany Bay is mentioned (vol.18,p.189).

The Gaol has attention. There is fever (vol.12,p.67,100,127); and a ventilator is procured. From time to time it is whitewashed (for the vinegar used, see Q.S.R.). The necessary house is cleaned (vol.13,p.117). Smallpox occurs (vol.15,p.129). (For inoculation of prisoners in 1789 see Q.S.R.). Prisoners if poor are allowed the county bread (e.g., vol. 4, p.14); and some thin blankets were bought (vol.17,p.55). Debtors are frequently mentioned. Drinking and gaming are forbidden (vol.18,p.27). The Gaol is served by an apothecary and a chaplain; the latter (vol.15,pp.234,257) has forms, bibles and prayerbooks. Till the new Gaol, executions took place at Gallows Corner (cf. vol. 21, p.69). By the end of this period, the new Gaol is imminent.

The House of Correction (or Bridewell) in Cauldwell Street also has smallpox (vol. 12,p.182) and thin blankets (vol.17,p.55).

Escapes take place from both (for the fire at the Gaol,1724, see Q.S.R.).

Occupations

Of occupations mentioned among offenders and their sureties (disregarding yeoman, husbandman, farmer, labourer) much the most numerous (112) are the victuallers, innholders and publicans; perhaps their calling was the most apt to get into trouble. Next come the woodworking trades, carpenters, wheelwrights and joiners (80). In rapidly descending order follow butchers, blacksmiths, shoemakers with cordwainers, bakers, bricklayers, tailors. Of less usual trades there are 13 millers, 9 gardeners, 9 connected with wool and 4 with lace; 4 shepherds, 2 gingerbread-bakers. Six surgeons give trouble, especially Robert Denbigh Hicks of Toddington (cf. R). Apprenticeship produces cases:

II

1798-1820

Sessions

From 1798 with Theed Pearse the minute-books are methodically kept.

The number of participating justices increases; and they attend fairly regularly, especially the clergy; there are few who attend only once (e.g., Sir John Burgoyne, J.T. Dawson, T. Mills). Samuel Whitbread, the Duke of Bedford, the Marquess of Tavistock, and Lord Ossory are fair attenders; even the Marquess of Bute comes occasionally.

Sessions House

This has slight repairs. Its use for other than public purposes is denied, (e.g. a dinner by Sir George Osborn, 22,p.189). Sessions, chiefly adjournments, at which few justices attend, are still occasionally held at the Swan.

Finance

The county rate fluctuates ld.-3d.

Administrative Machinery

County Officers: A surveyor of bridges is appointed (25,p.229).

High Constables: Appointments are still given, and they begin to be allowed expenses (26,p.297).

Petty Constables: appear only occasionally in connection with cases.

Others: Vagrancy contractors continually demand increases of salary.

Poor Law

There are still occasionally rate disputes.

The great increase is in cases of bastardy and removal. In vol. 26 (1816-20) about 60 parishes occur under each heading, some of them with several cases. Each case continues to turn up at many sessions till resolved.

Workhouses are the subject of a drive by Samuel Whitbread in the years after 1800 (see especially Lidlington, 22, p.173 - lack of everything necessary for the habitation of man, 1807).

The roundsman system was denounced in 1819 at the Duke's prompting. It has too long prevailed, is destructive of the moral energies of labourers, and injurious to the interests of the farmer; justices were recommended to disallow it.

Listing

Friendly Societies continue.

Highways

There seems to be much greater vigilance over road standards of non-turnpike roads. However it still takes many sessions from the first presentment of a parish for a repair to be completed.

Turnpikes occasionally get a mention. There is once deliberate obstruction at Hockliffe of the Liverpool Mail Coach in 1818 (26,p.327).

Bridges

A bridge is built at Tempsford (vol.25), and there are enquiries into liability for Stafford bridge (vol.26) and Stoke Mills bridge in Felmersham (Lord St. John and Goosey). Gt. Barford bridge needs widening (26,p.226).

Military

"King's carriage" continues. There are also, during the "apoleonic wars, militia items, especially a periodic certificate of numbers from the Lord Lieutenant.

Crime

Crime is not well-detailed, technical terms such as misdemeanour and felony being increasingly used.

Assault continues, and theft increases (including such curious objects as a beehive and stones). There are still a few cases of pound-breach. There is much more about poaching, justices frequently bringing in certificates of convictions they have made. "Riot" occurs occasionally, but in one case relates to fireworks on 5 November.

Sentences still frequently include whipping, which is often to be done publicly; but there is a petition against public whipping in one case (26,p.95). Transportation is more frequent, sometimes for 14 yrs. (26, p.379).

The new Gaol is dealt with in vols. 18-20, and the old one sold (vol.21). There are various rules relating to the prisoners. Their diet is 3 quarter loaves weekly (26, p.520). A school is set up where the turnkey is to teach them (26,p.487). J.M. Howard, a gaoler who employs prisoners on his own land, is dismissed (24,p.225).

The new House of Correction, at the Gaol, is ready in 1801. A mill was set up there in 1816 (25,p.227). The prisoners working on the mill seem to have had some meat, but this was suspended (26,p.96). In 1818 it was resolved to build another new House of Correction, away from the Gaol (26,p.346).

Occupations

The pattern of occupations is much as before, except that there are new ones, such as strawplait-dealers and buyers (16), and schoolmasters (8) Lacemen include a lace-pattern maker. Gardeners increase. There are no shepherds.

Lunacy

The contract for the asylum is signed in 1809.

III

1820-1843

Sessions

The first Theed Pearse retired in 1843, after 45 years as Clerk of the Peace. The books continued to be methodically kept.

The number of justices at a sessions may now be as high as 27, with a higher proportion of laymen (ranging from 2:1 to 6:1). There are still a few who attend only once; or rarely (Earl de Grey, Marquis of Bute); but several put in a good attendance; e.g. (laymen) W.D.Cooper Cooper, the Higgins family, Sir R.H. Inglis, G.P. Livius, G. Musgrave, the Pyms, Tavistock, Lord C.J.F. Russell, S. Thornton, W.H. Whitbread; (clergy) J. Beard, T. Barber, G. Cardale, G.O. Fenwicke, P. Hunt, R. Moore, F.H. Neve, J. Reed, H.D. Ward.

Sessions House

There are frequent minor alterations. Already complaints are made of its inadequacy (27,p.52). The arrangements for sanitation and ventilation are improved. Two abortive proposals are made for judge's lodgings.

Finance

In the 1820's the county rate sometimes reaches 4d., but in 1835-6 it is from 1d. to 2d. When the police force is set up, two rates are levied, a general and a police rate.

Administrative Machinery

County Officers:

Treasurer: Francis Green is replaced by T.A. Green in 1836 @ £50 p.a.

Surveyor: Jn. Millington is replaced by Francis Giles (28,p.248). He reports at almost every session on bridges and buildings (Sessions House, gaol, asylum).

Chief Constable: After the act of 2-3 Vic.c.93 there is a long report on the working of the old system (33,p.395), and proposals are made for a professional force (p.531). After this, the chief constable normally reports at every sessions. Police districts are set up (34,p.129).

High & petty constables: These continue, the former being still responsible for rate collection. Complaints are made that they are not required, and there seems some reduction (34,p.428).

Poor Law

Bastardy and removal cases continue to be very heavy, until the new Poor Law, when they almost disappear, together with mention of vagrancy.

Friendly Societies

These greatly increase, there being over 100 entries in the period, though some of these are revisions of existing rules.

Highways

There are comparatively few presentments of parishes for non-repair of roads by the end of the period (by this time all main roads are under turnpike trusts).

Bridges

See surveyor above. There is trouble with Biggleswade (Holme); and a proposal to widen Shefford; also a good deal about Luton (Horsepool). Earl de Grey unsuccessfully tries to avoid liability for Harrold.

Military

There is a regular certificate from the Lord Lieutenant.

Crime and Punishment

Riots are frequent 1821-41, chiefly 1834. In 1822 and 1831 there are "conspiracies to raise wages" at Keysoe and Flitwick.

Summary convictions by one or more justices are now regularly reported and soar to over 100 in Easter 1835. Petty sessions, which seem to have been unregularised hitherto, are systematised under the act of 9 Geo.IV c.43 (30,p.74).

At every sessions there is a report on the gaol, and visiting justices appointed. Whipping has declined; the usual punishment is imprisonment with hard labour (treadmill for men, mending prison linen for women); sometimes with a spell of solitary confinement. Transportation, sometimes for life, has greatly increased.

Lunatics

There are continual struggles to get parishes to pay their dues for the asylum, some being heavily in arrear. There is a report on the asylum at every sessions, and some extensions are made. There are negotiations with other counties. Springfield is licensed.

IV

1843-1888

Sessions

The second Theed Pearse was Clerk for only 14 years. He was succeeded in 1857 by Theed William Pearse, who covers the remainder of this period (A.K. Butterworth being appointed in 1890). His salary (40,p.92) was £650, the fees being now paid into court; and he was paid extra during the foot-&-mouth epidemic (47,p.345).

The number of justices attending still increases (36 at Michaelmas 1853), there being almost always two courts. There are still some clergy that attend regularly, but the increase is among laymen. In the 1860's and 1870's attendance falls off somewhat. Certain families attend: Higgins, Pym, Russell, Thornton, Whitbread. Good individual attenders include:- Lionel Ames, H.W. Beauford, Rev. W.C. Bidwell, Rev. R.G. Chalk, J.W.C. Campion, J.N. Foster, J. Gibbard, R.T. Gilpin, J. Harvey, Rev. G.G. Harter, R.H. Lindsell, H. Littledale, C. & Rev. J.V. Moore, R. Newland, R.L. Orlebar, Rev. F.C.G. Passy, Rev. C.C.B. Pownall, C.H. Smith, W. Stuart, W.L. Smart, J. Tucker.

Committees reporting regularly are Finance & Police. Later they proliferate.

Sessions House to Shire Hall

A muniment room is provided (29,p.527). There are more complaints of the inadequacy of Sessions House (40, p.25; 46,p.564,595,606). Adjacent property is bought (Theed Pearse's house, vol. 40; Miss Gibbard's, vol. 46). Finally arrangements are made for a new Shire Hall (vols. 46-8).

Finance

Two rates continue to be levied, a general county rate, and a police rate (which varies with districts until a uniform police rate is adopted in 1887) (48,p.132,156). The rating system is under discussion (45,p.118; 46,p.484). There is an economy drive in vol. 46.

Administrative MachineryCounty Officers:

Treasurer: In 1842 T.A. Green is succeeded by T.J. Green. In 1868 two hold the office (T. Barnard & T.T. Wing), but the latter withdraws in 1871.

Surveyor: F. Giles is succeeded in 1847 by T. Smith @ £80 p.a.; who is followed in 1855 by T.J. Jackson. Then 1858-74 the county is divided between two surveyors (N. & S.): J. Horsford and W. Watson. Watson then became county surveyor @ £200 p.a. *(See below)*

Chief Constable: The first to hold this office, E.M. Boulton, was replaced in 1871 by A.C. Warner, who died in 1880, when it was resolved that the next should not be over 40. F.J. Josselyn was appointed.

High & petty constables: High constables were abolished in 1870 (45,p.127). Petty constables after 1842 (34,p.428) were only continued where thought necessary.

Analyst: appointed 1873.

Highways:

Highway Boards are set up in 1862 after the Act. Their working however seems unsatisfactory and unpopular (esp. vol. 46).

Bridges

These occur in the surveyor's report. In 1873 there was an enquiry into their carrying capacity, and it was decided to step this up in some cases and put notices on others. There is a list of county bridges with reasons for so calling (46,p.466). [The weight enquiry was the result of a fatal accident with traction engine, and the N. surveyor was retired.]

Military

The old depot in Castle Lane is given up for a new one in Goldington Road (vol.39). When the War Office takes over such buildings, this is not thought worth while, and is sold in 1878 (46,p.698).

(One additional constable is to cope with railway navvies.

Police

The police force grows in spite of opposition (35,p.77). A curious system is that by which an individual can pay for an extra constable (e.g., vol.46, Countess Cowper). Parish cages are in general dropped (cf. Cardington, 37, p.410), but police stations are built.

Crime and Punishment

Riots are rare (Luton, 1854: vol.38,p.325; Potton, 1886: vol.48,p.56). Summary convictions continue to be tabulated, and are many. The contract for transportation (abolished 1857) is terminated in 1856. At the gaol the Rev. G. Maclear is chaplain 1832-69 (cf. B.H.R.S. xl), and R.E. Roberts (compiler of Q.S.S.4) is governor 1853-85.

The gaol is rebuilt 1848. The House of Correction is then pulled down and converted into a garden (vol.37), 1850. With the Prison Act of 1877, the justices become merely visitors. The Home Office tried to transfer Roberts to York (see notes in County Officers).

A Reformatory School is established (see esp. printed report 1856-61, vol.41,p.93).

Lunatics

Herts. and Hunts. cooperate in the new Three Counties Asylum (vol.35), and the old one is disposed of (vol.38). Springfield continues to be licensed.

Boroughs

There are various arrangements with Bedford about gaol etc. New streets in Dunstable and Luton are reported as highway diversions till these become boroughs.

Boundaries

Boundaries with Herts & Hunts. (the latter already agreed for police purposes, vol.40,p.226,527-8) are adjusted by the Local Government Board, but not entirely as the justices suggested (48,p.191). Luton boundary is considered (46,p.372; 48,p.555). Parish boundaries are the subject of a request for help from the O.S.

County Council

As early as vol.40 (p.494) Lord C.J.F. Russell had urged the introduction of the elective principle. This had however to await the Local Government Act, 1888. The financial position and property at the takeover in 1889 are listed (48,p.336-9).

Clerk: Vol.:	E.G. J. HOOPER PEPIATT									Ambrose REDDALL						Gabriel MALLET								
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Abbott, Maurice			2	1	1	2																		
Alston, Sir Rowland				1	3	2																		
Armstrong, Tho.				1	1	2																		
Ashley, Hen.				4	2																			
Aspin, Wm.				3	2																			
Bathurst, Allen, Lord	1																							
Becher, Wm.																								
Bedford, 3rd Duke																								
Bigg, Tho. (Luton)																								
Brace, J. Thurloe				1																				
Bromsall, Owen Tho. Tho.																								
Browne, Sam. Tho.					1	1																		
Bruce, Cha., Lord		2																						
Byng, Pattee																								
Carey, Walt.	1	4	1																					
Carter, Wm.		1	1																					
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Farrer, Wm. Denis	2																							
Fitzwilliam, Lord																								
Fyshe, Humph.																								
Harvey, Jn. (Ickwell)		2																						
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Huxley, Geo. Tho.																								
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Lowe, Fra.				1																				
Monoux, Humph. Lewis					3	3	2																	
Nodes, Jn.																								
Norcliffe, Wm.	1	2	1																					
Ongley, Sir Sam.	3	1	2																					
Orlebar, Ric. Jn.					5	2	1																	
Reddall, Amb.																								
Rolt, Sam.	1	1																						
Sadler, Geo.																								
Sebright, Sir Tho.S.				1																				
Smith, Wm. (Warden)						6	4																	
Sheldon, Cuthbert																								

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Clerk: Vol.:	Gabriel MALLETT				William GOLDSMITH					13 11 12		Henry John HORTON MARSH														
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Alston, Sir Rowland	1	1						2					1	1		2										
Armstrong, Tho.	1	1	1	1	1	1			1																	
Alston, Tho.													1	2	1	2	2		1							
Aspin, Wm.	1	1																								
Astell, Ric.																	3	1	2	2	3	3	2	2		
Becher, Wm.	3	2	2	4	2	3	1	4	7	4	2	2	3	1												
Bedford, 4th Duke	1	1	1	1					2				2	2	1	1	4		2	2	1	1				
Bigg, Tho.									1	4		1	2	6	3	2	5	2	3							
Birt, Rev. Phil.			3	3	2	4	2	3	7	5	4	4	5	12	5	4	5	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	
Briscoe, Jn.																	1	1								
Bromsall, Tho.	2		2	3	3		1	4	3	2	1	1														
Browne, Tho.		4	2	3	3	2		2	6	1																
Byng, Pattee									2																	
Cater, Robt.	2																									
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Edwards, [unclear]			1																							
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Johnson, Harry													2	3	3	4	4	3	1							
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Orlebar, Jn.	1	1	1	1	1		2	2			1		2	3	1	1										
Ongley, Robt. Henley																	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Osborn, Sir Danvers					1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1			2	3										
Ossory, 1st Earl Ur.															1		1	2	1	1	2	1				
Potter, Tho.													5	1	2	3										
Pye, H.J.								2																		
Sadler, Geo.			1																							
Sheldon, Cuthbert	1	2	1		1	1			4	1			3	2	2		1	3		1	2		1	1		
Williamson, Talbot		1	2	1	2	2		1	4						1											
Wingate, Fra.			3	4	4	4	1	3	7	5																
Yorke, Hon. Phil.												1									1					

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Astell, Ric.																										1
Wm. Thornton																										
Birt, Rev. Tho.											3	4	6	3	2	2										
Brandreth, Thoswihan											3										3	1	4	3		
Cox, Rev. Hadley							1	4	3	5	4	2	3	3	1	3	4	4	1							
Cust, Sav. Cockayne						1																				
Field, Chas. Ventris						1	1	1	1	1	3	5	2	1												
Gery, Wm.						1	4	4	2	4	4	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	3	2	1		4	4		
Granville, Robt., Earl										1	1															
Hawkins, Rev. Jn.									1	4	5	5	6	4	6	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	2	5	4	3
Hinde, Rev. Hen.									1	3	5	3	6	4	6	3	2	4	3	4	3	2	4	4	3	
Lepipre, Rev. Pet.							2	3	3	5	3	6	4	6	3	2	4	3	4	3	4	3				
Miller, J., jr.							1	1	3	4	2	4	1	2	2		1	1	1	1	3	1	1	5	1	1
Monoux, Sir Phil.							4	3	3	3	4	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3
Morris, Rev. Jn.							1	1	1		2															
Morse, Leonard							2	1	1																	
Nesbitt, Jn.							2	3	4	5	4	4	4	6	4	3	3	4	4	4	2					
Ongley, Robt. Henley					1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1		3	1	1	2	2					
Osborn, Sir Geo.						1		3	1	1	2	1														
Potter, Tho.																	2	2	1	1	2		2	3	2	2
Pembroke, Wm.																							1			
Reynolds, R.																						1				
Smith, Wm., Rev.									1	5	4	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	1							
Smythe, Jas.						1	4	4	3	2																
Stuart, Hon. Rev. Wm.																					1	1	3	4	4	3
Whitbread, S., sr.																										1
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Pym, Fra.	5	3	6	3	8	3	3	5	5	3	4	4	2	4	4	1
Fra.jr.																
Rev.Wollaston	1		1	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Reed, Rev.Jas.			3	4	2	3	1	4			5	2	4	3	2	1
Reynolds, Laur.				3		1				1						
Russell, Ld. C.J.F.																
Ld. Wm.																
Fra.,Marq.T.	4	3	4	3	5	3	3	3		2	4	3	2	3	2	1
St. John, Lord,14th	6	4	3													
Lord, 15th																
Smith, Rev.Edw.Orl.						1	1	1								
Standly, H.P.																
Stuart, Wm.																
Tanqueray, Rev.Edw.	5	3	2	1	2	1										
Thornton, Ste.	2	2	4	4	7	3	4	4	5	3	3	2	1	2	4	3
Trevor, Geo.R.																
Waldegrave, Wm.	3	3	6	4	6	3										
Wade-Gery, Rev.H.		3	2	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1		1	2	2	
Wm.H.																
Ward, Rev. Hen.D.																
Webster, Rev.Jas.	6	4	4	4	7	3	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
Whitbread, Sam.Ch.						1	1			1	4	3	1	3	2	1
W.H.			3	2	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1		1	2	2
Wilshere, Wm.	5	3	4	5	10	4	4	4	6	3						
Wodley, Wm.	1	1	1			1										
Wood, Rev.Jas.S.					1											
Wroth, Rev.Wm.B.						2	3	2	2	2	2			1	1	1

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Lowther, W.															1	1		1							
Lyde, L.N.F.A.																	1								
Macan, T.A.										2	3	1	2	3	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Magniac, C. H.R.										1	3	3			4	4	4	3	2		1		1	2	
Macnamara, Art.												1			1		1				1	1			
Martyn, J.												1													
Mills, C.J.C.										1	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	1		1		1	1	
Mountain, Rev. J.H.B.	3	1	2	1	1																				
Moore, C.	1	3	1																						
Nash, W.J.											2	3	1	2	4	4	2	1							
Newland, Bingham W.P.			2	1																			1	1	2
Oakley, G.															1		1								
Orrebar, R.L. R.	3	3	3	4	3																				
R.R.B.	3	4	4	2	3																				
Osborn, Sir G.R. H.J.R.										1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1					2	2	2	2
Parker, C.S.				1	2						2	2	1	3	2	3	2	1	2		1	1		1	1
Passy, Rev. F.C.G.	2	3	2	3	2																				
Payne, Sir C.G. Sir S.G.	3	4	2	1																					
Pearson, G.J.H. T.S.	2	3	2	1							2	1	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	
Pechell, M.R.											1	2	1											1	1
Peel, A.W.		1	1									1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1						
Pownall, Rev. C.C.B.	2		1	1	3					1	4	3	2	2											
Polhill or Polhill-Turner, F.C.	2	2	2	2	2						2	4	3	1	3	3	1								
Fryor, M.		2																							
Prime, C.E.					1																				
Pym, Alex. F.											4	2	3	5	2	4	3	3	1	2	4	4	4	4	
Russell, Id. C.J.F.	2		3	2	2						1	2	3	4	3										
..F.C.H.....	1	4	2	2	3					2	3	1	1	1						1					
Marq., Tav.; later 9th Duke																									
..G.W.F.S..... Marq. Tav.; later 10th Duke											1	1	1	2	1	3	2	2		2	3	1	2		
St. John, St. Andrew, later 15th Bn.			1	2							1	1				2							1	2	
..Edm. Tudor.....																					1				
Sebright, Sir J.G.S.																	1								
Scott, Rev. R.F. J.C.R.																	1						1	1	2
Smatt, Wm. Lynn	1	1	2																						
Smith, C.H.	1		1	1																					
Smyth, H.B.	2	3	2	4	3						1	3	3	2	5	1									
Shuttleworth, F. J.																						1			
Sowerby, G.					2																				
Starey, B.H.	1	3	3	3	3																				
Stuart, Wm. jr. C.P.	4	3	4	4	4	2					3	1	3	4	5	4	5	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4
Wm. Dugald											2	1	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	2		1	
Sullivan, F.W.				1																		1			
Thornton, H. C.E. W. C.W.	3	3	2	3	1						3	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3			
Thynne, F.J. A.W.	1	1			2	3					3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	
Tower, C.												1										1			
Toulmin, H.												1													
Trevor, C.M.S.																		1	1		1				1

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Tylecote, T., Rev.		1																		3	3	1	1	1	3
Unwin, Robt.																									
Wade-Gery, W.H.			1																			2			
Wagstaff, J.P.																	1								
Watson, E.S.																	1	2	1						
Welch, A.P.																		3	2	2		1	2	4	3
Webster, Art. Tho.																	2					2			
Whitbread, S.	1	2	1																						
S.Chas.					1																	1			
S.Howard																									
Wm.Hen.	4	4	4	1																					
Whyley, Rev.G.E.				1																					
Wilkinson, R.H.																									
Wingfield, Anth.H.																				4	1		1		
Wythes, F.A.W.																							3	1	2

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ANALYSIS OF WORKING OF J.P. SYSTEM
1801-1810

%

The 1793 commission of the peace has, as issued,	99	
interlineated	<u>28</u>	
	127	

During the period 1801-10 inclusive the attendance is:

clergy (209)	19	45
lay (256)	26	55

the average: for 10 yrs:		
clergy	11	
lay	10	

Committals to the county gaol (begins, except for one entry for 1799, 1 Jan. 1801)

	%	
clergy:		
Tanqueray	20	
Cardale	10	
Webster	10	
others	<u>23</u>	63
lay:		
Whitbread	12	
Monoux	8	
others	<u>17</u>	37

Thus, active justices are half, or less than half, the number in the commission, judging by attendance at sessions; the clergy having a slightly higher rate of attendance per man than the laity.

If committals to the gaol accurately reflect the activity of an individual justice in his area, the clergy are nearly twice as active as the laity

In this period, 3 clergy (Tanqueray, Cardale, Webster), and 1 layman (Whitbread), account for just over half the committals, and 30% of the attendances.

The motive power from about 100 justices thus seems to boil down to 4.

Justices
attending
Sessions

Committals to the County Gaol

1 Jan. 1801 - 31 Dec. 1810

Alston, T.	5
Revs Vere	-
Ashfield, Chas.	-
Astell, Wm. Thornton	-
Bedford, Duke of	-
Cardale, Rev. Geo.	78
Corbett, Rev. Stuart	3
Dickens, Fra.	-
Dixon, Rev. G. or J.	3
Elstob, Rev. Wm.	-
Farrer, F.G.S.	-
Foster, Jn.	2
Garstin, Robt.	-
Gery, Wm.	2
Hawkins, Rev. Jn.	13
Hele, Rev. R.S.H.	32
Hibbert, Robt.	-
Higgins, Jn., sr.	8
Jn., jr.	3
Hooper, Rev. Wm.	43
Hoare, H.H.	-
Horseman, Rev. J.	16
Hunt, Rev. P.	-
Ketilby, Rev. Sam.	1
Mead, Rev. Wm.	39
Miller, Jn.	37
Monoux, Sir Phil.	63
Moore, Rev. Robt.	-
Osborn, J.	1
Ossory, Earl of Ur.	3
Parkes, Ric.	1
Pembroke, Wm.	-
Pym, Fra.	47
Rev. Wollaston	16
Reynolds, Ric.	4
Stuart, Hon. & Rev. Wm.	-
St. John, Lord	3
Tanqueray, Rev. Edw.	151
Thornton, Ste.	-
Wade-Gery, Rev. H.	11 (bandowner)
Waldegrave, Wm.	-
Webster, Rev. J.	75
Whitbread, S.	90
Wilshire, W.	4
Wodley, Rev. Edm.	6
Wm.	-

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2	1 - 10	1711
	11 - 46	1712
	47 - 80	1713
	81 - 116	1714
	117 - 169	1715
	170 - 226	1716
	227 - end	1717
4		1728
5	1 - 42	1729
	43 - 76	1730
	77 to end	1731
6	1 - 21	1733
	22 - 45	1734
	46 - 75	1735
	76 - 109	1736
	110 - 131	1737
	132 - end	1738
7	1 - 26	1738
	27 - 52	1739
	53 - 71	1740
	72 - 92	1741
	93 - 111	1742
	112 - 131	1743
	132 - 149	1744
	150 - end	1745
8	1 - 86	1745
	87 - 192	1746
	193 to end	1747
9	1 - 26	1746
	27 - 49	1747
	50 - 66	1748
	67 - 99	1749
	100 - 121	1750
	122 - end	1751
10	1 - 34	1747
	35 - 95	1748
	96 - 197	1749
	198 - end	1750
11	1 - 78	1751
	79 - 182	1752
	183 - end	1753
12	1 - 18	1753
	19 - 130	1754
	131 - end	1755
13	1 - 7	1751
	8 - 32	1752
	33 - 61	1753
	62 - 83	1754
	84 - 110	1755
	111 - 129	1756

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	145 - 159	1758
	160 - 176	1759
	177 - 200	1760
	201 - end	1761
14	1 - 80	1759
	81 - 150	1760
	151 - end	1761
15	1 - 8	1768
	9 - 48	1769
	49 - 98	1770
	99 - 140	1771
	141 - 192	1772
	193 - 238	1773
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	52 - 96	1798
	97 - 131	1799
	132 - end	1800
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	478 - end	1824
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	433 - 520	1883
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	81 - 184	1887
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	328 - 366	1889
	367 - 389	1890
	390 - 422	1891
	423 - 460	1892
	461 - 509	1893
	510 - 549	1894
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	572 - 603	1896
	604 - 643	1897
	644 - 685	1898
	686 - 735	1899
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